

Arkansas Department of Education
Repeal of Rules and Regulations
Governing School District Facilities Needs Assessment

Repealed June 14, 2004

~~1.00 Regulatory Authority~~

~~1.01 These regulations shall be known as Arkansas Department of Education Regulations governing needs assessment of school district facilities.~~

~~1.02 These regulations are enacted pursuant to the State Board of Education's authority under Ark. Code Ann. 6-11-105 (Repl. 1993) and Act 917 of 1995.~~

~~2.00 Purpose~~

~~2.01 It is the purpose of these regulations to define how the Department will conduct facilities needs assessment of school districts.~~

~~3.00 Application Process~~

~~3.01 Each school district seeking general facilities funding or growth facilities funding shall submit a facilities needs assessment to the Department of Education by August 31 of the school year during which the district desires general facilities or growth facilities.~~

~~4.00 Agency Review and Approval of Justifications~~

~~4.01 The Department of Education in consultation with State Building Services will review all submitted facility needs assessments and approve those which show substantial legitimate justification for facility projects.~~

~~5.00 General Facility Needs Justification~~

~~5.01 A local school district may demonstrate general facilities needs by documenting that the purchase with general facilities funding of school buses, furniture, equipment, computer software, or renovation or repairs of existing facilities is: (A) necessary to meet an important educational goal, or (B) necessary to comply with Department of Education rules and regulations, and/or State and Federal statutes and regulations.~~

~~6.00 Growth Facility Needs Justification~~

~~6.01 A local school district may demonstrate growth facilities needs by documenting that the acquisition with growth facilities funding of land, school site, or construction of new school facilities is: (A) necessary to meet an important educational goal, or: (B) necessary to comply with Department of Education rules and regulations and/or State and Federal statutes and regulations.~~

~~7.00 Arkansas Department of Education Assistance~~

~~7.01 If a local district has difficulty determining facility needs, a written request for assistance can be submitted to the School Plant Service section of the Department of Education. Assistance will be provided on a first come, first served basis.~~